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THE Chancellors Examination & Preparatio FOR A TRIAL.

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As the long Imprisonment of George *Lord* Jefferys *late High Chancellor of* England, *has given him ample leisure for a full and serious Consideration of his state, his Examination of his fatal Circumstances, and Preparation for his Trial, with all other necessary and due Reflections, previous as well to the Appearance not only before so great a Tribunal here, but also a greater and more terrible one to come, have induced him to this timely provision of his Last Will and Testament.*

IN the Name of AMBITION, the only God of our own setting up and worshipping, together with Cruelty, Treachery, Perjury, Pride, Insolence &c. his ever-adored Angels and Archangels, cloven-footed, or otherwise, Amen.

I *George*, sometimes Lord, but alwaies *Jeffrys*, being in intire bodily Health, (my once great Heart at present dwindled to the Diminutive Dimensions of a French Bean, only excepted) and in sound and perfect Memory of High Commissions, *Quo Warranto*'s, Regulations, Dispensations, Pillorizations, Flaugations, Gibbetations, Barbarity, Butchery, Tyranny, together with the Bonds and Tyes of Right, Justice, Equity, Law, and Gospel; as also those of Liberty, Property, *Magna Charta*, *&c.* not only at diverse and sundry, but at all times by me Religiously broken; and being reminded by a Halter before me, and my Sins behind me, do make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis, Because it has alwaies been the modish Departure of Great Men and Greater Sinners, to leave some Legacy to pious Uses, I give and bequeath 1000 *l.* towards the building of a Shrine and a Chappel to St. *Coleman*, for the particular Devotion of a late very great English Zealot, for whose Glory I farther order my Executors to bear half charges in inserting and registring the sacred *Papers* and *Memoirs* of the said Saint, in those Divine Legends *The Lives of the Saints*, by the Hand of his reverend and no less industrious Successor Father *Peters*; that so the never-dying Renown of the long-swore meritorious (tho' unfortunate) Vengeance against the *Northern* Heresie, (in which once-hopeful Vineyard I have been no small Labourer) may be transmitted to posterity by so pious a Recorder.

Item. As a Legacy to her late Consort-Majesty of *Great Britain*, my sometimes Royal Patroness, I do bequeath 3000 Crowns to Holy Mother Church, to purchase through his Holiness, and the good Lady of *Loretto*'s Intercession, the same Benediction to the French Waters of *Spaw*, they once vouchsafed to the English ones of *Bath*, to give her Majesty the Conception of a Duke of *York* to her Prince of *Wales*; humbly with my dying breath requesting, for the future silencing of Malice and confutation of Infidelity, that her said Majesty would in due prudence graciously please to select out for her next Labour, but half as able Witnesses and *reeking* Spectators of her Delivery as my self, there being in her late case no person in the World a more experimentally substantial Evidence of a Male Child born of the body of a Queen, at full growth at 8 months; when 'tis so notoriously known, that my own first Female Child my Wifes was at the like full growth born at 5 mo

Item, In tenderness and hearty good-will to m sometimes Friends and Allies on the other side t Herring-pond, I think fit (as a small Mite to the gre Cause) to order my Executors out of my late Son-in law sEstate, saved by my own *Chancery* Decree fro the *Salisbury Creditors*, as much Money to be re mitted over to the true and trusty *Tyrconnel*, as wi purchase new Liveries of the best *Irish* Frieze, com pleatly to rig a whole Regiment of his new rais Leagues; as also the like quantity for the riggin of another Regiment of French Dragoons, now sen ding over to his Excellencies succour; his Gallic Majesty having long since ordered the Edict of *Nant* and all the parliamentary Heretick Records o *France* to be given 'em *gratis*, to make 'em Taylor measure of [illegible]tation of the English *Magna Charta*, some time since designed for the same use.

But above all, to take Care for my own Decent Funeral, lest my *Executors*, to Save the charges of Christian burial, should drop me under Ground, as slovenly as my old great Master, at *Westminster*, I think fit to order the Rites and Ceremonies of my Obsequies, as follows:

Imprimis, I desire that my Funeral Anthems be all set to the Tune of old *Lilli burlero*, that never to be forgotten *Irish Shiboleth*, in Commemoration not only of 200000 Hereticks, that formerly Danced off to the said Musical Notes, but also of the second par to the same tune, lately designing, setting, and composing by a Great Master of mine, and my self. The said Anthem to be Sung by a train of seven or eight hundred Orphans of my own making in the *West*; who in their native Raggs (a Livery likewise of my own Donation) as a Dress fittest for the sad Cavalcade, will (I am assured) be no way wanting in their readiest and ablest Melody, suitable to the occasion.

Item, I order 200 *Jacobusses* to be laid out in Myrrh Frankincense, and other necessary Perfumes, to be burnt at my Funeral, to sweeten, if possible, some little stink, I may probably leave behind me.

Item, I order an Ell and half of fine Cambrick to be cut out into Handkerchers, for drying up all the wet Eyes at my Funeral, together with half a pint of burnt Claret, for all the Mourners in the Kingdom.

Item, for the more Decent Interrment of my Remains, I Will and Require, for the Re-cementing of my unhappy politick Head to my Shoulders again, (provided always I have the honour of the Axe, as 'tis much questioned) that a present of a Diamond Ring be made to Madam *Labadie*, for the use of the same Needle, and a Skean of the same Thred, once used on a very important occasion, for the Quilting of a certain notable Cushion of Famous Memory.

To conclude. For avoyding all Chancery Suits about the Disposal of my aforesaid Legacies, that the Contents of this my Last Will may be made public, I order my *Executors* to take care that

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